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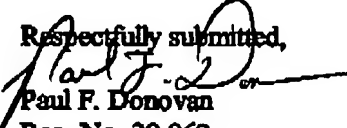
REMARKS:

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-21 were pending and considered by the Examiner. Claims 14-16 stand allowed. Claims 6 and 13 have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 7-11 and 19 were withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species. Claims 1-5, 12, 17, 18, 20 and 21 stand rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 10 and 13 have been amended, and claims 2-6, 8-9, 11-12 and 17-21 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 7, 10 and 13-16 remain pending in the subject application.

Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by the art of record, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to, now cancelled, claim 6 and intervening, now cancelled, claim 5. Moreover, claim 13 has been rewritten into independent form. Thus, claims 1 and 13 are allowable. Since claim 13 is generic, claims 7 and 10, which now depend from claim 13, should be considered and allowed.

No new matter has been added by way of the remarks made herein. Reconsideration and allowance of all the remaining pending claims are respectfully requested. If there are any other remaining issues that can be expeditiously handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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